Sierra Linda High School - Tolleson Union School District (School Year 2010 – 2011)

Sierra Linda High School was awarded the S3 grant and selected the following goals and objectives as part of their action plan:

Goal 1 - Improve conditions for learning in eligible schools by utilizing valid and reliable data

Objective 1 – Intervention schools will experience a decrease in the percentage of students who report personal harassment or bullying on school property.

Objective 2 – Intervention schools will experience an improvement in their school safety score.

During the 2010/11 baseline year, this high school had a climate index of 76. To improve the climate of the school, the following universal and targeted interventions were selected:

Functional Behavior Assessments (FBA)

FBA is a structured, intensive, evidence-based, behavior intervention strategy, utilizing a team-based approach to address individual student problem behavior.

Method of Shared Concern (MSC)

MSC is a non-punitive problem-solving approach to tackling cases of bullying, typically ones which are considered to be of moderate severity. MSC involves a multi-stage process in which suspected bullies and their victims are individually interviewed, and eventually brought together in an effort to reach a resolution. Guided by a trained facilitator, the students themselves are actively engaged and are empowered with a heightened sense of responsibility and empathy toward each other and their school.

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is a school-wide bullying prevention program designed to reduce and prevent bullying problems and to improve peer relations at school.

Positive Behavior and Interventions Supports (PBIS)

PBIS is a broad range of systematic and individualized data driven strategies for achieving important social and learning outcomes while preventing problem behavior with all students. PBIS applies a three-tiered system of support, and a problem-solving process to enhance the capacity of schools to effectively educate all students.

Student Assistance Programs (SAPs)

SAPs are comprehensive school-based programs designed to identify issues which prevent students from leaning and being successful in school. SAPs provide education, prevention, early identification, intervention referral, and support groups for students.